

CLAIMS

5 1. A method for operating a television apparatus having digital serial bus ports, the method comprising:
 receiving user selection of a designated video input source device connected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus ports; and
 causing a digital recording device connected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus ports to record digital content from the designated video input source device in response to the user selection.

10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the digital serial bus ports comprise IEEE 1394 compliant bus ports.

15 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content from a tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated input source device.

20 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the causing step comprises causing a peer to peer connection to be established between the designated video input source device and the digital recording device.

25 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving user selection of one of a plurality of digital data devices connected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus ports.

30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the causing step comprises causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content from a tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning

device as the designated input source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the digital recording device.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying video content stored on the digital recording device on the television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital recording device as the designated video signal source device.

8. A television apparatus comprising:

10 means for receiving user selection of a designated video input source device connected to the television apparatus via digital serial bus ports of the television apparatus; and

15 means for causing a digital recording device connected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus ports to continuously record the digital content from the designated video input source device in response to the user selection.

9. The television apparatus of claim 8, wherein the digital serial bus ports comprise IEEE 1394 compliant bus ports.

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10. The television apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

means for causing the digital recording device to continuously record video content from a tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated input source device.

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11. The television apparatus of claim 9, wherein the means for causing comprises means for causing a peer to peer connection to be established between the designated video input source device and the digital recording device.

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12. The television apparatus of claim 9, wherein the means for receiving comprises means for receiving user selection of one of a plurality of digital

data devices connected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus ports.

13. The television apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for causing
5 comprises means for causing the digital recording device to continuously
record video content from a tuning device of the television apparatus in
response to user selection of the tuning device as the designated input
source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the digital
recording device.

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14. The television apparatus of claim 8, further comprising means for
displaying video content stored on the digital recording device on the
television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital recording
device as the designated video signal source device.

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15. A method for operating a television apparatus having IEEE 1394
compliant bus ports, the method comprising:

receiving user selection of a designated digital video input source
device connected to the television apparatus via the IEEE compliant bus
20 ports;

displaying digital content from the designated digital video input source
device on the television apparatus in response to the user selection; and

causing an IEEE 1394 compliant recording device connected to the
television apparatus via the IEEE 1394 compliant bus ports to continuously
25 record the digital content from the designated digital video input source
device in response to the user selection.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

causing the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device to continuously
30 record video content from a digital tuning device of the television apparatus in
response to user selection of the digital tuning device as the designated
digital input source device.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the causing step comprises causing a peer to peer connection to be established between the designated digital video input source device and the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device.

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18. The method of claim 15, wherein the receiving step comprises receiving user selection of one of a plurality of digital data devices connected to the television apparatus via the IEEE 1394 compliant bus ports.

10 19. The method of claim 15, wherein the causing step comprises causing the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device to continuously record digital video content from a digital tuning device of the television apparatus in response to user selection of the digital tuning device as the designated digital input source device into a predefined buffer size of a storage medium of the IEEE
15 1394 compliant recording device.

20. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of displaying video content stored on the IEEE 1394 compliant recording device on the television apparatus in response to user selection of the IEEE 1394 compliant recording
20 device as the designated digital video signal source device.